

# INSTRUCTIONS

Agreed upon by the *Lords* and *Commons*  
assembled in P A R L I A M E N T,

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Hereas it doth appeare to the Lords and Commons now assembled in Parliament, that the King, seduced by wicked Councill, hath raised Warre against the Parliament, / and other his good subjects, and hath drawn together great Troopes of Papists and ill-affected persons, and sent out Commission for the levying of others, to the great hazard of Religion, and the publike peace of the Kingdom:

I. You shall take speciall care therefore that the Ordinance concerning the *Militia* be from time to time put in execution through the said County, / as you shall see cause; And for that purpose, you or any two or more of you shall have power and authority to Arme, Traine, and put in readinesse all and every the Inhabitants of that County fit for the Warre, aswell Trained Bands as other Voluntiers both Horse and Foot, and them under the Command of such Collonels, Lievttenant Collonels, Serjeant Majors, Captaines, and other Officers, as the Lievttenant of the said County, or you or any three or more of you shall in his absence nominate and appoint to lead and conduct, aswel against all Forraigne  
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Forces that shall in Hostile manner invade the said County, as for resisting and opposing of all other Forces which shall bee either within the said County or else-where raised to the disturbance of the peace of that County. And the Sheriffe and all other Officers of the said County are hereby enjoyned to assist you, and every of you therein. And if any person whatsoever shall levie or endeavour to levie or billet any Souldiers, or to raise, draw, or keep together the Trayned Bands or other Armed Forces of the said County, or any other Forces by colour or pretence of any Commission or Warrant from his Majesty under the great Seale or otherwise, without Order or consent of both Houses of Parliament; you are to make known to the Trayned-Bands, or other Inhabitants of the said County, that those who shall appeare upon any such Warrant, or obey any such Commission, shall bee held disturbers of, and enemies to the publicke peace, and those who shall not appeare upon any such Warrant or Commission, nor doe any thing in execution thereof, shall bee protected by both Houses of Parliament. And you or any one or more of you shall in the name, and by  
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the Authoritie of both Houses of Parliament require and command all persons to forbear the execution of such Commission or Warrant, and to cause the same to be delivered up to you, or any of you, to bee sent to the Speaker of the House of Commons, and you or any two or more of you <sup>deputy lieutenant</sup> are hereby required to draw together such of the Trained Bands and other Forces of the said Countie as shall bee expedient for the suppressing of all such Assemblies, and for the apprehending of all or any person or persons as shall after admonition and command by you or any of you made unto them, to forbear the execution of any such Commission or Warrant, or the calling, or gathering, or keeping together of any such Forces or Assemblies, still persist in doing the same, and likewise such as shall beare Armes by colour of any Warrant or Commission from his Majesty under the great Seale or otherwise, without Order or consent of both Houses of Parliament and also such disaffected persons as shall be found raising any parties or factions against the Parliament, to bee sent up hither to answer such their offences as to law and Justice shall appertaine.

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2. You or any one or more of you, shall stay, search, and examine, or cause to be staid, searched, and examined all suspicious persons and carriages, and to search or cause to be searched all suspicious places, and to seize upon all horses, Armes, Ammunition, Money, Plate, or other provisions whatsoever, which you or any one of you shall have just cause to suspect, is or are raised or provided for the fomenting or maintaining any such unnaturall and unlawfull Warre against the Parliament and the Kingdome.

3. You or any two or more of you, shall observe and execute the Ordinance of both houses of Parliament of the 8th of *August* last for the suppression of the Rebellion, and Commotion raised by the Marquesse of *Hartford* in the Countie of *Somersetshire*, and other Westerne Counties, and by the Earle of *Northampton* and others in the Countie of *Leicester*, *Northampton*, *Warwick*, and other adjoyning parts, and of any other Rebellion or Commotion raised or that shall be raised by any other person or persons within the said Countie of

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duct and lead all such Forces of horse and foot as shall be appointed by the Lord Generall the Earle of *Essex*, or by order of both houses, or by the order of the Committee of both houses for the defence of the Kingdom, for the service of the Parliament and Kingdome, and shall fight with, kill and slay all such as shall by force oppose you, or any of you, in the execution of that Ordinance, and all other their Assistants and ayders, and abettors, and you or two of you shall levie such other Forces of horse and foot as his Excellence shall by his Commission give you power to levie under such Collonels, Commanders, and other Officers as shall be by him appointed or directed; and you shall pursue the said Traitors, and Rebels and their Adherents in the said Countie or in any other places or Counties of the Kingdom into which they shall ritire themselves; all which Forces so to be raised, shall have the same pay as the rest of the Armie is to have; and you shall defend and protect his Majesties subjects from violence and oppression by the illegall Commission of Array or otherwise, and you shall hinder and forbid the execution of that illegall Commission, and in all places to the utmost of your power endeavour

endeavour to preserve and restore the peace of the Kingdom.

5. You or any one of you shall take from the said Rebels and Traitors all such Armes, Ordnance and Ammunition, as they have taken from his Majesties subjects, and restore the same to the owners.

6. You or any one or more of you shall take care that such resolutions and Orders of both houses as have been or shall be delivered or sent downe unto you or any of you be put in execution, and shall require the Sheriffes and Iustices of the Peace, and all other His Majesties Officers and Subjects of the said Countie, to be aiding and assisting unto you and every of you for that purpose.

7. You shall likewise declare unto all men, that it hath ever been, and still shall be the care and endeavours of the Parliament to provide for his Majesties safety, and that they doe not, nor never did know of any evill intended towards his Majesties Person, which might move him to require any extraordinarie Guard; that his greatest safetie is in the affections and fidelitie of his subjects, and in the advice and counsell of his Parliament;  
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and his greatest danger in withdrawing himselfe from them, and joyning himselfe to such disaffected and malignant persons, obnoxious to justice for their great enormities, who under colour of doing Him service have raised Forces which they labour to encrease, to the hazard of ruining Religion and the whole Kingdom.

8. And you or any one or more of you shall in the name of the Lords and Commons require the Sheriffs of the said County to publish throughout the same the Declarations commanded to be published by both houses of Parliament. And you, and every of you shall endeavour to cleere the proceedings of Parliament from imputations and aspersions, and shall from time to time certifieus of all things which you conceive necessary for the present service, and that we may have a speedy account of it, and that our directions to you, aswel as your advertisements to us, may have cleere and speedy passage, you and every of you shall lay a strict charge upon all Postmasters and Messengers, that they doe not suffer any Letters or other dispatches to or from the Parliament to be intercepted or stayed, and if any shall presume to make stay of any such dispatches, you and eve-

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ry of you shal direct the Postmasters and Messengers to repaire to the Iustices of the Peace, Constables, and others Officers for their aid and assistance, who are hereby required to take speciall care that there be no such interruption.

[ 9. You or any two or more of you, are hereby authorised and required forthwith to disarm all Popish Recusants and other dangerous and ill-affected persons, as well Clergy-men as others, as have testified or shall testifie their ill dispositions to the peace of the Kingdom and proceedings of Parliament, and all such Armes, and all other Armes formerly taken from Popish Recusants shall be imployed by you for the defence of the said Countie. ]

10. You or any one or more of you shall take care that none of the Recusants Armes or other Ammunition of the said County shall be taken or carried out of the same, upon any pretence or command whatsoever, without warrant from both Houses of Parliament. And you, or any one or more of you, shall give order and directions to the Sheriffe of the said County, Iustices of the Peace, and other Officers, to require and command all Popish Recusants in the said County to  
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confine themselves to their dwelling places, according to the Statute in that case provided; and if any such Recusant shall be found to transgresse therein, you or any one or more of you shall cause the Iustice of Peace forthwith to bind them to their good behaviours, and upon refusall or neglect to give security, accordingly to commit them to prison, and further proceed against them according to Law.

11. You or any one or more of you shall also in the name of both houses of Parliament require all such persons who have in their custodie any part of the publike Magazine of the said County, to deliver the same to you or any two of you, to be disposed of, and imployed for the defence of the County; and in case of refusall, you are hereby authorised to seize, take, carry away, and dispose of the same for the purpose aforesaid.

12. And you, or any two or more of you, are likewise to give charge from both houses of Parliament to all Collonels, Captaines, Lievtendants, and all other Officers for the Militia, that they shall be observant to such directions as they shall from time to time receive from the Lord Lievtenant of the said County, or his Deputy, or any of

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them, for the due performance of any the commands of the said Houses.

13. You or any one or more of you shall resist and repell, and are hereby authorized to resist and repell by the power of the said Countie, and by all other waies and meanes, all such Force and violence as shall be raised or brought by any person or persons, to the hindrance or disturbance of this present service, or for the Arresting or seizing of the persons of you or any of you, or any other which shall be employed in performance of the Ordinance, instructions, and commands of both houses of Parliament, for any thing done in execution thereof. And the Sheriffs and Iustices of Peace of the said Countie, and all other Officers and subjects, are hereby required to be aiding and assisting to you and every of you, for the better and more speedy execution of the premisses.

14. You or any two or more of you shall hereby with the consent of two of the Members of the house of Commons aforenamed, have power and authority to fortifie any part or place of the said County, in such manner & sort as you or any two or more of you, with the consent of two of the Members of the house of Commons as afore-  
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said shall think fit, for the safety of the said County, and for the more security of the same shall set such severall guards and forces in all places and Towns of the said Countie, as you or any two or more of you, with the consent of any two of the said Members of the house of Commons, shall think fit and requisite; and to cause the Beacons within the said County to be watched, guarded, and fired as occasion shall require.

15. You and every of you shall take care to put in execution the Propositions and Orders made by the Lords and Commons, now assembled in Parliament, for bringing in money, or Plate to maintaine Horse and Armes, for the preservation of the publike peace, and for the defence of the King and both houses of Parliament; As also other instructions and additions for Deputy-Lieutenants which are Members of the house of Commons, and other Deputy-Lieutenants of severall Counties concerning the last propositions according to a Declaration of the Lords and Commons made thereupon.

16. You or any three or more of you shall or may call together the Inhabitants of the Countie at such times and places as you shall think fit, and

proponnd to them what Horſe, Men, and Armes they will finde and maintaine, or what money they will contribute for the defence of the ſaid County, which Forces and all other Forces that ſhall bee raiſed in that County by the authority of the Lords and Commons in Parliamt, and their Officers, you or any two or more of you ſhall lead, conduct, and imploy for the defence of the ſaid County; and you or any two or more of you ſhall have power to appoint Treafurers to receive the ſaid Moneys ſo raiſed, as aforeſaid, who are hereby required to iſſue forth the ſame, as they ſhall receive order or warrant from you or any two of you under your hands, for the providing of Armes and Ammunition for the defence and ſecurity of the ſaid County; as alſo for the paying of ſuch Officers and Souldiers as ſhall bee leavied and imployed for the purpoſe aforeſaid, and of all other neceſſaries for the defence of the ſaid County.

17. You or any three or more of you ſhall or may in the abſence of the Lievtenant of the ſaid County, make and appoint ſuch Captaines and other Officers as ſhall bee requiſite for the ſervice and defence of that County, and to remove them



them out of their places, and to make others from time to time, as you shall think fit for that purpose.

18. You or any two or more of you shall or may require strong Watches, and Wards, to be set by the Constables or such other persons as you shall think meet in all convenient places in that County, for the peace and safety thereof.

19. You or the greater part of you, whereof two to be Members of the House of Commons, may joyn in association with the adjacent Counties for the mutuall defence each of others County.

20. You or any one or more of you shall or may apprehend all such persons as shall oppose you, or refuse to obey you in the premises, and to send him or them in safe custody up to the Parliament, or the Committee of Parliament for the defence of the Kingdome, to be proceeded with according to justice.

21. You and every of you shall observe and execute all such further Directions and Instructions as you shall from time to time receive from both Houses of Parliament, as likewise from the Committee of the Lords and Commons appointed

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ted to take care for the safety of the Kingdome, and whatsoever you shall do therein, or any other person in ayd and assistance of you, it shall bee accepted as good and acceptable service to the Kingdome. And for their and your so doing, they and you shall be defended and protected by the authority of Parliament, and resolution of the Lords and Commons to protect those that shall obey and further their commands, you shall publish and declare upon all occasions for the better encouragement of the Subjects of this Kingdome in that behalfe.

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Die Jovis 6. Octob. 1642.

*It is this day ordered, That the Instructions formerly given to the Deputie-Lieutenants of the County of Essex, for putting the Ordinance of Militia in execution, and preserving the Peace of that County, shall be Printed, and sent into all Parts of the Kingdom by the severall Members that serve for the severall Counties of the Kingdom, who are likewise ordered to bring the names of the Committees, and Deputie-Lieutenants, that are to bee inserted into these Instructions.*

